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SUBJECT: OFFSHORE DRILLING; SAGAR SAMRAT VISIT

1. THE GOI HAS APPROVED OFFICIAL VISIT TO ONCC DRILLSHIP SAGAR SAMRAT. THE PETROLEUM MINISTRY CORDIALLY INVITES BOMBAY CONSULATE GENERAL ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE) AND EMBASSY MINERALS ATTACHE TO GO ON BOARD AS GUESTS OF THE GOI DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 10-13. TRAVEL TO AND FROM DRILLSHIP WILL BY INDIAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER. LENGTH OF VISIT: ONE DAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF CONGEN OFFICER SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION.

2. INVITATION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE USIS SPAN PHOTOGRAPHER/REPORTER. DR. G. RAMASWAMY, CHIEF, EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, INFORMED MINATT NOVEMBER 7 THAT HIS MINISTRY WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR USIS REPORTING COVERAGE AT THIS TIME ("DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES". AND OTHER ASSORTED BITS OF RED TAPE).

3. RAMAWAMY SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY ONGC BOMBAY REPRESENTATIVE, V.K. VERMA, AND GARRETT OF OFFSHORE COMPANY, OF THE INVITATION

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EXTENDED TO US, AND SUGGESTED THAT MINATT RECONFIRM ON ARRIVAL

IN BOMBAY. EXACT DATE OF VISIT IS TO BE FINALIZED AT THAT TIME
ALSO, TO MEET ONGC/OFFSHORE COMPANY AND CONGEN CONVENIENCE.

4. SWEETWOOD PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BOMBAY NOVEMBER 8 VIA IC 461
AT 1830 HOURS. WILL APPRECIATE CONSULATE CAR TRANSPORTATION TO
GRAND HOTEL IF FEASIBLE.

5. AVAILABLE WAIT TIME PRIOR TO DRILLSHIP VISIT CAN BE USED BY
MINATT TO TOUCH BASE WITH OIL COMPANIES ON OTHER PETROLEUM
MATTERS, AND TO MEET WITH DR. M.S. PATEL HON VENADIUM
DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR. MEETINGS WITH PATEL HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED
VIA MAFATLAL DELHI/BOMBAY TELEX. MEETINGS WITH OIL COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE ARRANGED LATER AS TIME PERMITS.
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